

TCLP & Foundry Waste

Iron Treatment of Lead-Contaminated Waste



Brass Foundries

- >Copper, zinc and lead in brass
- Lead from recycled brass (cars)
- Molten brass cast in sand molds
- >Waste sand hazardous

Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure

- >18 Hour extraction
- >>100 grams waste (1/4 lb.)
- >Extract with 0.1 M acetate
- > pH = 2.93 or 4.93
- >Model Landfill

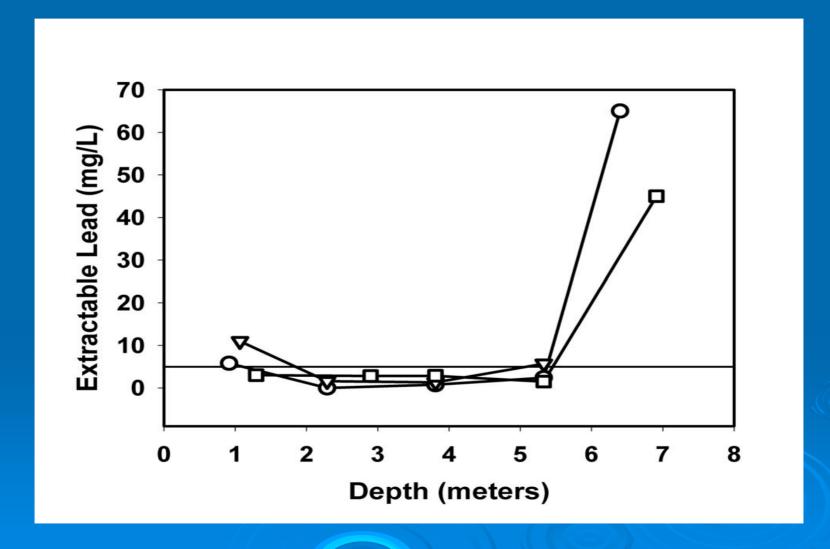


Iron Metal Addition

- >Add 10% Iron to Waste Sand
- >TCLP lead < 1 mg/L
- Iron amended waste disposed of in separate cells of municipal landfill



Landfill TCLP



Iron Chemistry

>Fe Iron Metal

>Fe²⁺ Ferrous ion

>Fe³⁺ Ferric ion

Iron Metal Oxidation Reduction

>Zn > Fe > Pb > Cu

Iron will reduce lead and copper, but not zinc

>Fe + Pb²⁺ => Fe²⁺ + Pb



Oxidation States in Solution

Fe(II) More stable in absence of O₂

More soluble

Fe(III) More stable in air Less soluble

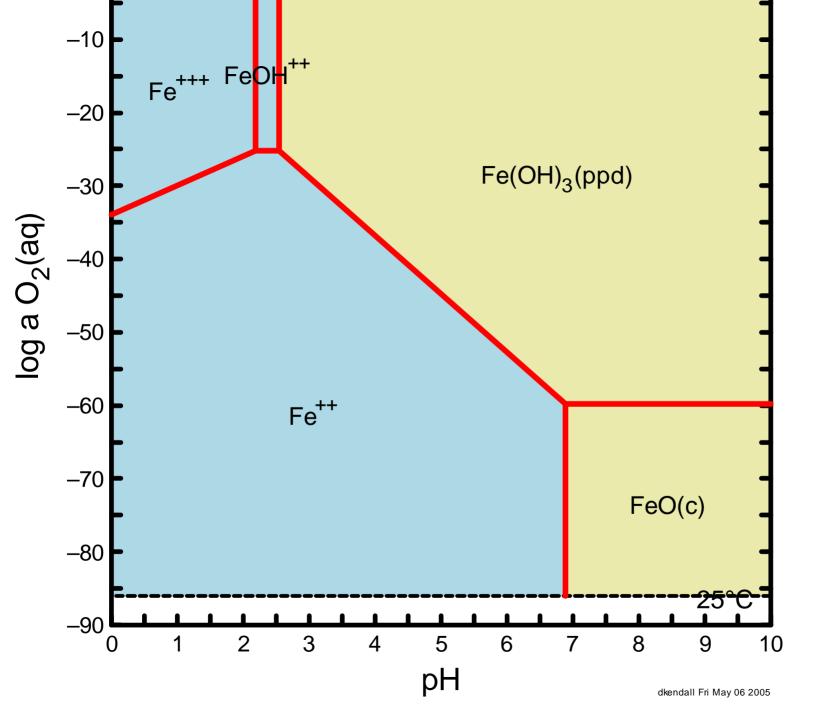


Diagram Fe⁺⁺, T = 25 °C , P = 1.013 bars, a [main] = $10^{-2.386}$, a [H₂O] = 1; Suppressed: Hematite, Magnetite, Goethite

TCLP vs. Landfill

>TCLP

Fe²⁺

>Landfill

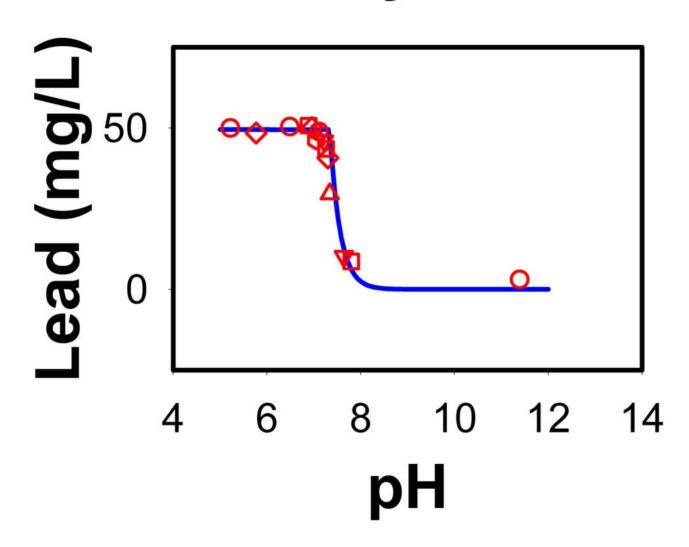
Fe³⁺

Consider Two Reactions of Fe³⁺

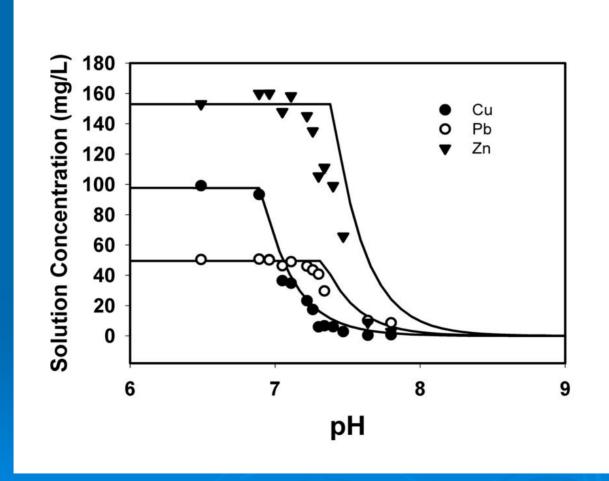
>Precipitation of Hydroxides

Sorption by Hydrous Ferric Oxide (HFO) or Fe(OH)₃

Lead Hydroxide



Precipitation of Hydroxides



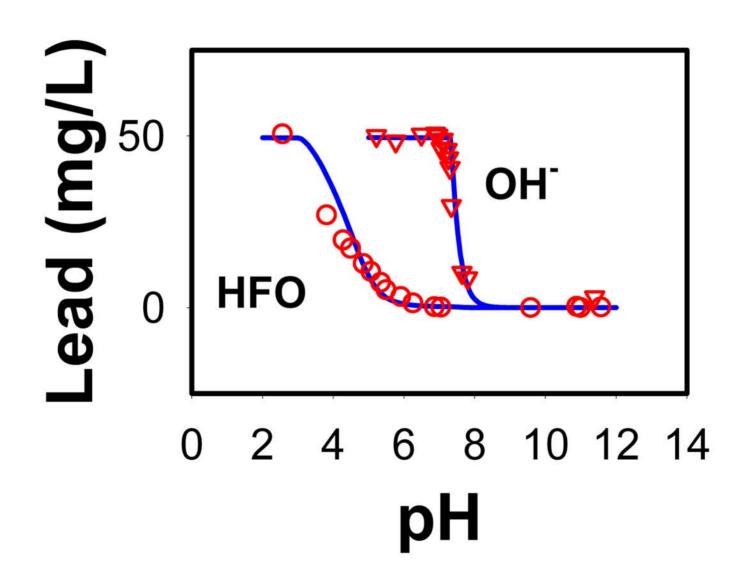
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>Hydrous Ferric Oxide (HFO)

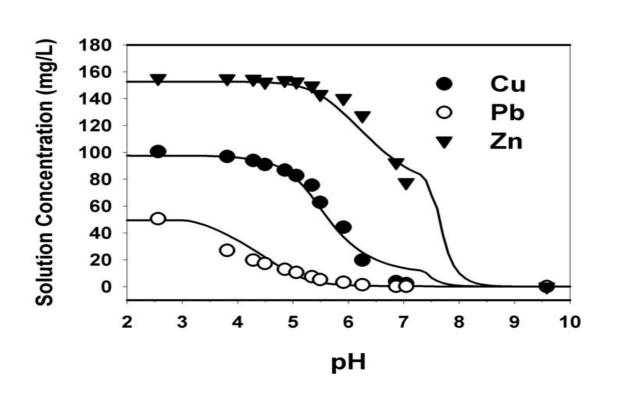
 $Fe(OH)_3$ or Fe_2O_3 nH_2O

Can absorb lead, copper and zinc

Lead



Sorption by HFO



Comparison HFO Sorption vs. Redox

➤ Copper

More easily reduced — Cu

concentration lower than lead if redox

Adsorbs less than lead – Cu concentration greater than lead if sorption

Iron in the TCLP

- Extraction in a sealed container
 Reducing environment
 Oxygen depleted
- ➤ Dissolved Iron is Fe²⁺
 HFO cannot form

In the Landfill

>Iron metal will oxidize

► HFO may form & adsorb Pb, Cu and Zn

Iron treatment NOT a long term stabilization method.

TCLP

> Results Influenced by Many **Factors** pH Redox environment (iron) Complexing Agents Additives (lime, phosphate)

TCLP

Suggestion: Use totals to determine if regulation required

Generator can delist if long term safety and stability can be demonstrated.